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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Dave S. B. Hoon et al.

Serial No.: 10/713,808

Confirmation No.: 4483

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For: DETECTION OF MICROMETASTASIS  
OF MELANOMA AND BREAST  
CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED  
TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES  
BY MULTIMARKER QUANTITATIVE  
RT-PCR

Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Sean E. Aeder

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2007 ("Office Action"), the time for response to which is extended two months by the accompanying petition from March 13, 2008 to May 13, 2008, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.